



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 118

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 14, 15, and 16, 2010, Syttende Mai Weekend.

2 Whereas, Norway, which means “Northern Way,” is the fifth-largest country in
3 Europe, covering 125,052 square miles, and has a population of approximately
4 4,000,000; and

5 Whereas, Norwegian immigrants have made countless contributions to the
6 cultures of Wisconsin and other regions of the United States; and

7 Whereas, one out of every 12 Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry; and

8 Whereas, “Syttende Mai,” Norwegian for “May 17,” celebrates the anniversary
9 of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared Norway’s
10 independence from Denmark; and

11 Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the third-oldest in the world, being
12 predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

13 Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the cuisine
14 of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the presence of wood-carved
15 trolls; and

